GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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SMUGGLING OF PEPPER
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the smuggling of pepper into the country;

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected during each of the last three years and till date; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the smuggling of the pepper from other countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b):- Smuggling being a clandestine activity, it cannot be said with certainty that smuggling of pepper into the country is taking place. However, no case of smuggling of pepper into the country has been detected by the field formations under the Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence during last three years & current year (upto November, 2001).

(c):- All field formations under the Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are alert and vigilant to check smuggling of contraband goods including pepper from other countries.